

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 9, 2008 has been read and carefully considered and the present amendment submitted to include the limitations of claims indicated as allowable into the independent claim 1.

Initially, the drawings were objected to for not describing the reference numeral "36" in the specification with respect to Fig. 3. It is submitted, however, that the specification, page 4, line 14 identifies the reference numeral "36" as being a "recess" that receives the locking ball 35 and that the reference numeral is, therefore, properly identified and explained.

Next, the specification was objected to in view of a formality concerning the reference to the claims in the specification and the specification has now been amended to eliminate that reference.

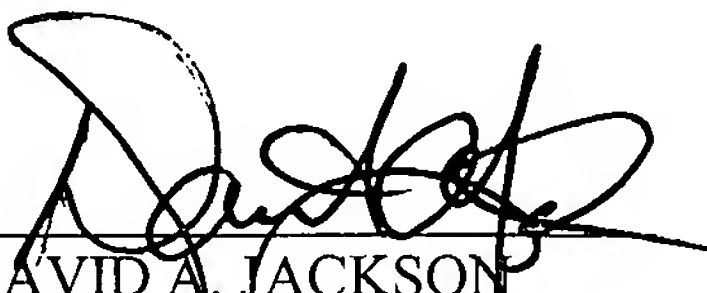
The claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 1012, second paragraph, on the basis of several issues and it is believed that all of the issues have been corrected. If the Examiner feels additional clarification is needed with respect to Section 112 issues, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted by phone to resolve any such matters.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Araki, U.S. Patent 4,769,911 in view of Wickline, U.S. Patent 6,430,815. Claims 2-7 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in the application.

Accordingly, applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 2 and then canceled claim 2.

As such, it is believed that the newly amended claims are now allowable over the cited references and an allowance of the present patent application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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